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1. I HAD ANOTHER BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK AT SOCIAL GATHERING EVENING MARCH 9 ON ABOVE SUBJECT. MALIK INDICATED THAT HE WAS TRYING HIS BEST TO CALM MALAYSIANS, WHO WERE ANNOYED BY DRAFT NOTE WHICH ROMULO HAD SHOWED ASEAN AMBASSADORS IN MANILA CONFIDENTIAL

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($\mbox{REF B})\,$ AND TRYING TO PERSUADE LIBYANS TO KEEP HANDS OFF.

2. MALIK SAID ROMULO HAD AGREED WITH RAZAK AND MALIK IN KUALA LUMPUR THAT HE WOULD TRY TO TALK PRESIDENT MARCOS INTO DROPPING FROM CONSTITUTION ARTICLE REFERRING TO SABAH. MALIK WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CHANCE THAT THIS COULD BE DONE BUT HE FELT THAT SOME EARNEST BY MARCOS DROPPING SABAH CLAIM WOULD RESULT IN ALLOUT MALAYSIAN EFFORT TO HELP PHILIPPINES DEFUSE MINDINAO SITUATION. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, MALIK

SAID, GOVERNMENT IN KUALA LUMPUR HAS VERY LITTLE LEVERAGE OVER TUN MUSTAPHA WHO COULD CAUSE MALAYSIA MUCH DIFFICULTY IF HE SHOULD DECIDE TO GO IT ALONE.

3. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON SAME OCCASION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIDI DJAJADININGRAT, LATTER VERIFIED WHAT MALIK HAD TOLD ME. DIDI WONDERED WHETHER U. S. COULDN'T DO SOMETHING TO HELP AND I SAID WE WERE HOPING INDONESIANS MIGHT FIND WAY TO ASSIST IN REDUCING THREAT TO ASEAN. I SAID WE WANTED TO LEAVE ASEAN RELATIONS TO ITS MEMBERS. GALBRAITH

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